

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
FRIDAY MAY 16, 2003 - 0530 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 144 new fires reported yesterday. One new large fire was reported in the Southwest Area, and two new large fires were reported and contained in the Eastern Area. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Arizona, Minnesota, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

SOUTHWEST AREA LARGE FIRES:

RED ROCK, Coronado National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Kvale) is assigned. This fire is burning in grass and brush ten miles south of Sonoita, AZ. Direct attack utilizing crews and air support is planned for today. Predicted high winds for today may pose containment problems.

BOILER, Gila National Forest. This lightning caused Wildland Fire Use fire is ten miles northwest of Poverty Creek, NM and is being managed to accomplish resource objectives. No new information was reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
RED ROCK	AZ	CNF	1,250	0	UNK	86	2	8	2	0	20K
BOILER	NM	GNF	20,300	0	UNK	38	1	5	0	0	186K

EASTERN AREA LARGE FIRES:

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
PELAN FIRE	MN	MNS	650	100	---	8	0	0	1	0	NR
STERLING	MI	MIS	178	100	---	NR	0	0	0	0	NR

MNS = Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

MIS = Michigan Department of Natural Resources

OUTLOOK:

Weather Discussion: Look for showers over much of the Southeast as a storm system tracks across the Southern Plains. It will be dry elsewhere except for showers over portions of the Northwest and Northeast. In Alaska, a few light showers will be found in the northern interior while weak high pressure covers the southern half.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA High clouds	60-80 Mountains 80-92 Valleys 82-102 Deserts	15-25% Mountains 20-30% Valleys 10-20% Deserts	W-NW 10 to 20 mph
EASTERN AREA Partly to mostly sunny across the northern 1/3 of MN where elevated fire potential is expected	66 to 76	23 to 33% over Northern parts of MN	South to southeast winds increasing to 10 to 20 mph, especially over NW portions of MN
SOUTHWEST AREA Partly to mostly sunny and warm across AZ, NM and southwest TX, lighter winds. Breezy and cooler with a lingering chance of thunderstorms across plains of northwest TX.	60s and 70's mountains and northwest TX, 80s to low 100's lower elevations.	5-20% AZ and western ½ NM, 20-50%+ eastern ½ NM and northwest TX.	SW-NW at 5-15 mph AZ and western ½ NM and NE to NW 10-20 mph Texas and eastern NM.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

CONSTRUCTING LINE WITHOUT A SAFE ANCHOR POINT

When deciding where to build fireline, the following considerations must be weighed:

- Can you hold the line without the fire hooking under/around you? How do you protect against losing the line and ensure your safety if there is a danger of the fire hooking around you?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes? Review what constitutes an adequate safety zone and escape route. Who has the responsibility to designate them and continue to make sure they are adequate?
- Can you develop your starting point into an anchor point? List some good anchor points. Describe how you would develop your starting point into an anchor point.
- Have you posted good lookouts? Where should the lookout(s) be posted? Who can be a lookout?
- Do you have good communications? Who do you need to be in contact with? If the communications are not good, what can you do to improve them?
- To reduce the risks, start the line in another location. Talk about fires where you have had to relocate the line because your anchor point did not hold the fire.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1	19	7	27
	ACRES				0	3	0	3
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				1	1	3
	ACRES	167				0	0	167
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		1			0		1
	ACRES		0			1		1
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3				1	4
	ACRES		0				0	0
Southwest	FIRES		11			2	3	16
	ACRES		11			2	1,253	1,266
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					3	1	4
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Area	FIRES	6				37	1	44
	ACRES	5				1,090	8	1,103
Southern Area	FIRES					44		44
	ACRES					188		188
TOTAL	FIRES	7	15	0	1	106	14	144
	ACRES	172	11	0	0	1,284	11	2,728

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2			2	149		153
	ACRES	20			672	437		1,129
Northwest	FIRES	5	1	1		8	12	27
	ACRES	2	0	1		4	1	8
Northern California	FIRES				4	118	18	140
	ACRES				2,210	23	12	2,245
Southern California	FIRES	1	6	1	2	280	63	353
	ACRES	0	2	0	0	33	100	135
Northern Rockies	FIRES	426	1	13		71	21	532
	ACRES	2,956	0	690		16,328	1,372	21,346
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		13		1	17	3	34
	ACRES		21		0	315	0	336
Western Great Basin	FIRES		15			5	1	21
	ACRES		14			17	0	31
Southwest	FIRES	105	41	12	1	253	118	530
	ACRES	114	2,821	1,288	1	6,021	5,516	15,761
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	11	11	34	1	46	20	123
	ACRES	124	2	2,065	200	233	464	3,088
Eastern Area	FIRES	796		77	16	6,340	304	7,533
	ACRES	51,425		4,006	685	99,082	5,228	160,426
Southern Area	FIRES	90		8	11	9,148	275	9,532
	ACRES	20,250		914	756	134,516	7,976	164,412
TOTAL	FIRES	1,436	88	146	38	16,435	835	18,978
	ACRES	74,891	2,860	8,964	4,524	257,009	20,669	368,917

Nine Year Average Fires	32,462
Nine Year Average Acres	654,165

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						2	2
Northern Rockies	FIRES						6	6
	ACRES						195	195
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						155	155
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						106	106
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES			1	1			2
	ACRES			908	52			960
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	1	1	0	10	12
	ACRES	0	0	908	52	0	458	1,418

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					3		3
	ACRES					1,125		1,125
Northwest	FIRES	25	73	146	1		75	320
	ACRES	2,578	8,750	4,675	7		3,980	19,990
Northern California	FIRES	2	8	98	13		78	199
	ACRES	31	128	15,474	700		4,061	20,394
Southern California	FIRES		2	2	1		74	79
	ACRES		27	99	20		8,985	9,131
Northern Rockies	FIRES	9	9	45	3	17	141	224
	ACRES	487	3,788	7,193	510	766	9,089	21,833
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	11	3		5	16	36
	ACRES	18	1,232	300		130	2,819	4,499
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1				1	2
	ACRES		100				230	330
Southwest	FIRES	5	36	4	4		216	265
	ACRES	1,485	11,654	816	4,877		26,490	45,322
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	26	11	70	6	8	67	188
	ACRES	1,718	1,160	10,374	446	113	4,228	18,039
Eastern Area	FIRES	30		225	15	346	162	778
	ACRES	10,660		47,795	1,796	69,279	24,135	153,665
Southern Area	FIRES	50		241	43	11,445	1,075	12,854
	ACRES	8,979		85,528	59,846	705,160	833,794	1,693,307
TOTAL	FIRES	148	151	834	86	11,824	1,905	14,948
	ACRES	25,956	26,839	172,254	68,202	776,573	917,811	1,987,635

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						21,100	21,100
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	21,100	21,100

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	7	89	159	1,386
Yukon Territory	0	0	7	12
Alberta	11	13	114	222
Northwest Territory	2	5	4	8
Saskatchewan	7	509	87	1,219
Manitoba	0	630	228	14,421
Ontario	3	0	220	938
Quebec	4	4	123	226
Newfoundland	0	0	7	18
New Brunswick	0	0	47	51
Nova Scotia	0	0	80	196
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	1	1
Total	27	1,240	1,077	18,697

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest	1		3						6	
Northern California										
Southern California										
Northern Rockies			1							
Eastern Great Basin									9	
Western Great Basin										
Southwest	2	3	9	9	2				17	8
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area	1					1			9	
Southern Area	9		15		1	1			4	
Total	13	3	28	9	3	2	0	0	45	8

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